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1. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 23 August 1953, motor vehicles seen in Wiehe, en route to and from the Lossa troop training grounds

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2. in August, several major exercises, which included river crossings, took place on the Unstrut River in the Memleben area.²

3. On 22 August, a train carrying 35 trucks mounting AA machine guns and including 1 sedan, 4 field kitchens and about 150 troops, the latter on 6 boxcars, was seen en route toward Stettin, coming from Jueterbog.³

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4. On 22 August, 23 trucks, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens, 6 x 76-mm AA guns, 1 sedan and 8 boxcarloads of troops were entrained in Jueterbog-Altes Lager.

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5. At 4:45 p.m. on 22 August, a train of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 15 to 20 trucks with van-like superstructures of sheet metal, 3 x 2 x 2.5 meters, and towing small one-axle trailers, which, source believed, mounted engines or compressors, passed through the Kolzenburg railroad station, proceeding toward Jueterbog.

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6. On 26 August, 19 trucks and 9 armored scout cars were detrained in Luckenwalde.⁶

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7. At 2:20 p.m. on 21 August, a train of 4 boxcars, each occupied by about 35 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 7 flatcars with sideracks carrying 10 trucks, and 49 flatcars with sideracks carrying 37-mm AA guns and 76-mm AA guns left Jueterbog toward Wustermark.⁷

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8. In late August, [] a camp which was occupied by about 300 to 1,000 troops and was located northwest of Koenigsbrueck. It further included 12 T-34 tanks, including Nos 500 and 501, 6 four-barreled AA guns, 8 x 85-mm AT guns, two dug-in tanks, 3 prime movers, 1 medical tent, 1 large tent and 2 small tents. 3

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2. [] Comment. The engineer units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps returned to the corps training area from Dessau-Aken in mid-August.

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3. [] Comment. Possibly a shipment of headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army to the Angermuende training area.

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5. [] Comment. The train is [] from Wuensdorf to Rathenow.

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6. [] Comment. [] a unit of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

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7. [] Comment. Possibly the train to Haldensleben []

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8. [] Comment. According to a sketch [] the camp, which is reported for the first time, is located in the woods between Glauschwitz, Bohra and Sacka, on the western edge of the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds. [] elements of the 11th Gds Tank Div may be stationed there.

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